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Maj. John B. Jones showed the beginning of a new Ranger era with LEANDER H. MCNELLY. MCNELLY headed a militia company called out by the governor to suppress the violent SUTTON-TAYLOR feud. A full brown beard and bushy mustache failed to offset the gaunt face and frail body. Although wracked by tuberculosis, Leander

McNelly possessed in full measure the ingredients of leadership that had endowed great captains of the past.

McNelly failed to suppress the Sutton-Taylor feud but soon found himself combating Mexican cattle thieves on the Rio Grande. He maintained his own secret spy service south of the border. He caught one & had him hung up until he was made to confess where the rest of the riders were.